

GREAT FINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting **held on 10th October 2022 in Pettiward Hall**

Present: Cllr Simon Tarabella (chair) Cllr Simon Waspe (part) Cllr James Spencer,
Cllr Peter Turner Cllr Isabelle Campbell
Paula Gladwell – Clerk Cllr John Matthissen (part)
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- 2022/2761 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Sebastian Reeves, Cllr Lee Morgan, Cllr Penny Otton
2022/2762 Cllr Tarabella welcomed Isabelle Campbell to the council; Cllr Campbell signed the Declaration of Office and joined the table.
- 2022/2763 **Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct and requests for dispensations relating to Discloseable Pecuniary Interests** – None
- 2022/2764 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** - It was proposed by Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 26th September 2022 were signed as a true record.
- 2022/2765 **Public Participation** – No questions
2022/2766 **County Councillor Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton's report had been circulated, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 2022/2767 **District Councillor Matthissen's Report** – Deferred
2022/2768 **Woodpecker Hill Group** – Consideration of the requests for equipment and tree works at Woodpecker Hill were deferred until the group volunteers could attend a meeting.
- 2022/2769 **Clerks Report** – It was confirmed that the Licence had been received from SCC Highways for the installation of the White Village Gates for Hitcham end of the High Road. An up to date quote has been sought from Glasdon before an order is placed. Cllr Turner will contact the contractor to seek a price for installation.
Cllr Matthissen was thanked for his pledge of at least £500 probably more from his locality budget towards the cost of the gates. Cllr Otton will be asked if she can help with funds for this project.
Car Park signage – We are still waiting for a response from SCC with permission to use the existing posts. Cllr Otton has also chased on our behalf.
Insurance – The additional premium for adding the Wildflower Info board and the new Notice Board to the insurance is £18.75, this will be waived for the remaining year and payable only on renewal. The items will be added to the policy.
It was confirmed that the quote from our open space contractors to fell the Ash tree in Church Road is £1050.00 considerably less than other quotes. Cllr Turner will engage them to carry out the work as soon as possible.
It was noted that Cllr Tarabella and Cllr Turner have signed the papers to enable Pettiward Hall trustees to complete the adverse possession application for the land to the side of the hall.
- 2022/2770 **Planning** – There were no applications to consider.
2022/2771 There were no MSDC decisions to note.
2022/2772 It was noted that application DC/21/03074 Erection of building for use as three holiday lets, Stable Cottage, High Road had the Appeal APP/W3520/W/22/3290094 DISMISSED
- 2022/2773 It was noted that application DC/21/06158 Erection of 18No dwellings (including 9No affordable units) with associated parking and external works, Land Off Pear Tree Place was to go to MSDC Committee this week and that the case officer had recommended refusal. Concerns were expressed that this could mean Great Finborough would lose the 9 affordable dwellings. Cllr Matthissen agreed to take Councils concerns to the decision meeting. The following comment was agreed for Cllr Matthissen to give on behalf of the Parish Council. "*Whilst it is understood that MSDC now have in excess of the 5 yr land supply and there are concerns that this development would not promote sustainability we have concerns that refusal would mean the loss of the 9 affordable units this scheme had promised. This site has held a principle for development for over 6 years and we have been involved in discussion with the applicant to address concerns we had around the various schemes put forward to the point that the Parish Council have no objection to this final proposal. The historical splitting of the plot into the existing development and this proposal lost the chance for affordables on the first phase and refusal now will lose them again. We appreciate that there is a finely balanced line between the need for affordable units in Great Finborough and the lack of sustainability of the other dwellings but we do feel that the loss of the public benefit in the affordables should outweigh this and we would like to see the development granted.*" Proposed Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2022/2774 **Finance** – The Finance report for October 2022 was approved.

- 2022/2775 The following payments were approved. Prop Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour, Staff salaries for September
- 2022/2776 HMRC Q1 payment
- 2022/2777 SCC Highways Licence fee PG £150.00
- 2022/2778 Gipping Press £198.00
- 2022/2779 CAS website hosting £60.00
- 2022/2780 Came and Company Insurance £619.98
- 2022/2781 It was RESOLVED to approve the Grants Policy with some amendments Proposed Cllr Tarabella sec Cllr Spencer with all in favour.
- 2022/2782 **Village maintenance** – Car park signage – It was noted that no reply had been received from SCC to the request for permission to site the signs. Cllr Otton has chased this up and we await a response.
- 2022/2783 **Footpaths** – Cllr Spencer reported that the concerns regarding a lack of path marking on FP31 had been reported to Rights of Way. It was noted that additional way markers might be beneficial on this route. The Clerk will request some posts from RofW.
- 2022/2784 **District Councillor Matthissen’s Report** - Cllr Matthissen’s report had been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes. Cllr Matthissen confirmed that he could pledge £500 towards the Notice Board and £500 plus for the White Gates.
- 2022/2785 **Correspondence** – The concerns expressed in a residents email regarding traffic disturbance in Church Road were noted. It was confirmed that although sympathetic there was nothing the Parish Council could do to prevent early morning deliveries to homes and Finborough Hall School. There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2022/2786 **Tree and Hedge Management Working Group** – The Terms of Reference for the working group were approved. The THMWOG will report to the next meeting with financial projections and work plan for input into the budget.
- 2022/2788 **Local Needs Housing** – The LNH Working Group were awaiting confirmation of a site visit to include all stakeholders.
- 2022/2789 **Street Lights** – The SL Working Group recommended funding for the Street lights should come from £437 raised by Jubilee event, £6173 unused monies from Play Park reserve, £8000 CIL funds and £4540 from general reserves leaving a balance of £2000 to be sought from SCC Green Suffolk grant fund. Following discussion around the commitments made for other projects and the desire to action this project as soon as possible it was RESOLVED to fund the Street Light replacement as per the recommendation Proposed Cllr Tarabella, sec Cllr Turner with all in favour. The Clerk will confirm an order with SCC who are suggesting a 10 week lead time. It was agreed that columns 53 and 66 should have shields.
- 2022/2790 **Electric Vehicle Charging Point** – It was agreed in principle that this was a good idea if full funding was available. Further investigation into the Government offers would be carried out.
- 2022/2791 **BMSDC Draft 5 Yr Housing Land Supply Consultation** – It was agreed that no comments be submitted at this time.
- 2022/2792 **Commemorative Rose Garden** – It was noted that the Garden Club have offered to provide the roses and planting for a small garden opposite the herb garden as a memorial rose garden for Queen Elizabeth. It was RESOLVED to purchase a plaque and fertiliser if needed at a budget cost of £100. Proposed Cllr Tarabella with all in favour.
- 2022/2793 **Social Media** – Consideration of the trial Facebook page was deferred in the absence of Cllr Morgan.
- 2022/2794 **Litter Picker** – The advert for the Litter Picker vacancy has been distributed. Consideration of any applicants will take place following the closing date for applications.
- 2022/2795 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – It was noted that the radio in the Youth Shelter doesn’t turn off.
The date for a village litter pick was fixed for Sunday 6th November 2022 10am

Next meeting will be held in Petteward Hall on Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.30pm